From: Safe Eastside
To: Adams, Haji (SAO)
Subject: Re: Citizen Hotline Concern H-24-405
Date: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 9:39:57 AM

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Hi Haji,

Thanks for the update.

H-24-405 concerns the Redmond City Council's failure to openly discuss an active lease on land that it authorized to give away. Resolving the active lease is clearly necessary before the land transfer can proceed. While the lease was authorized by the council during open public meetings, there are no records of the council discussing or authorizing its resolution in any public meetings. During its only public meeting on the land transfer, the Redmond City Council failed to disclose the existence of this lease.

In your earlier response, you stated: "Based on the information you shared in your hotline submission; we determined that the matter would be best considered as part of the next audit of the City of Redmond which should occur in fall of 2024." If the State Auditor's Office does not include H-24-405 in the current audit, will it address it at a later date?

Regards,

SE

> On Dec 10, 2024, at 8:21 AM, Adams, Haji (SAO) <adamsh@sao.wa.gov> wrote:
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> Hi,
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> We are currently working on planning procedures. When they are completed we will let you know if the area has been included as part of our audit. We are forecasting that planning will be completed end of January.
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> Thanks,
> Haji Adams
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> **From:** Safe Eastside <info@safeeastside.com>
> **Sent:** Monday, December 9, 2024 3:04 PM
> **To:** Adams, Haji (SAO) <adamsh@sao.wa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Citizen Hotline Concern H-24-405
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Hi Haji,

We recently learned that the State Auditor's Office has begun Redmond's FY2023 audit. We're following up to confirm whether Citizen Hotline Concern H-24-405, regarding the OPMA violation, will be incorporated into this audit as previously indicated. Thank you!

Regards,

SE

> On Dec 5, 2024, at 5:50 PM, Safe Eastside <info@safeeastside.com> wrote:
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> Hi Haji,
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> It is almost end of 2024. Following up on this Hotline Concern. Do you have any updates?
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> Regards,
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> SE
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>> On Sep 23, 2024, at 3:46 PM, Adams, Haji (SAO) <adamsh@sao.wa.gov> wrote:
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>> Hi,
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>> Thank you for contacting the State Auditor's Office Citizen Hotline with your concern regarding the City of Redmond being non compliant with the Open Public Meetings Act for a land transfer. We take our job of holding government accountable for the use of public resources seriously and have carefully considered your hotline submission. Based on the information you shared in your hotline submission; we determined that the matter would be best

considered as part of the next audit of the City of Redmond which should occur in fall of 2024.

We may contact you again once the audit begins to request additional information or clarification. If you have any questions or additional information you would like to share before then please let us know.

Sincerely,

Haji Adams, Audit Manager

H-24-405

Thank You,

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